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Carbon Monoxide Isotopes: On The Trail of Galactic Chemical Evolution

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Brief Abstract for Oral Contributions:

From the early days of the discovery of radio emission from carbon monoxide it was realized that it, and other molecules, of fered unusual potential for understanding the chemical evolution of the Galaxy and external galaxies through measurements of molecularisotopes. These results bear on stellar nucleosynthesis, star formation and the mixing of gas in the interstellar medium. Since then we have made great progress towards interpreting Galactic chemical evolution as a result of increased sensitivity of instruments, better understanding of radiative transfer, and an app reciation of the potential complications from chemical effects. 1 propose to review the progress in isotopic ratio measurements and summarize the current state of our understanding of this problem. My review will touch on observations and theory.